

Mintil language

Mintil (alternatively **Batek Tanum**, **Tanɿm**, or **Mayah**) is an Aslian language of Malaysia. In the late 1960s, Geoffrey Benjamin had come across speakers of Mintil among patients of an Orang Asli hospital at Ulu Gombak, just outside Kuala Lumpur (Benjamin 2012).^[3]

Names and villages

The people are commonly referred to as *Mayah*. There are 400 speakers of Mintil in Lipis District, Pahang who call themselves *Batɛik* ‘in-group people’, *Batɛik Tɔm Tanɿm* ‘people of the Tanum River’, and *Batɛik Mayah* [baʔɛik mayʔəh]. Their villages are:^[1]

- Kampung Sungai Garam (Tɔm Mayɛm) (4° 27' 12" N, 102° 3' 20" E; 2.5 km south of Kampung Dada Kering)
- Kampung Bencah Kelubi (Batu ʔ Jalan) (4° 38' 23" N, 101° 58' 45" E; 4 km east of Kampung Telok Gunong)
- Kampung Paya Keladi (Tɔm Hɿyan) (4° 24' 18" N, 101° 55' 27" E; 10 km north of Kampung Chegar Perah)
- Kampung Tɔm Kəlkwə ʔ (4° 34' 39" N, 101° 59' 43" E; 2 km north of Kampung Kubang Rusa)

Mintil	
Mayah, Tanɿm	
Native to	Malaysia
Region	Lipis District, Pahang
Native speakers	400 (2020) ^[1]
Language family	Austroasiatic ▪ Aslian ▪ Jahaic ▪ Eastern ▪ Mintil
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	mzt
Glottolog	mint1239 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/mint1239) ^[2]

See also

- Batek language

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